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TAGS: CDES, LE (WILSON, PAUL CARY)

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION INTO MURDER OF PAUL CARY WILSON

REF: (A) STATE 183563, (B) BEIRUT 3684

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MAURICE MASSAAD YESTERDAY, JULY 20, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO HOME HE FLED DURING LATEST FIGHTING. HE PLANS TO BE IN OFFICE TODAY, BUT SAID NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON WILSON CASE DURING HIS ABSENCE. TO DATE, MASSAAD HAS NO EVIDENCE TO BACK UP SPECULATION RE PALESTINIAN INVOLVEMENT.

2. LEBANESE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TOLD DATT ON JULY 21 THAT ALTHOUGH THEY COULD NOT YET SUBSTANTIATE THEIR ANALYSIS WITH FACTUAL PROOF, THEIR INVESTIGATION SO FAR INDICATED THAT A PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION IN CYPRUS WAS AWARE THAT WILSON HAD VISITED ISRAEL EARLIER IN HIS TRAVELS. LEBANESE OFFICER FURTHER SAID THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD PROBABLY ALERTED SOME CONTACTS IN LEBANON TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST WILSON FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, UPON HIS ARRIVAL. LEBANESE MILITARY FEELS THAT INFORMATION ON WILSON'S CONTACTS DURING ISRAEL-CYPRUS LEG OF TRIP MIGHT REVEAL SOME ADDITIONAL

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CLUES. LEBANESE MILITARY INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

3. DESPITE OTHER PRESSING MATTERS, AMBASSADOR CONTINUING SEEK ASSISTANCE OF FONMIN BOUTROS TO HAVE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION OF WILSON'S CASE. RESPONSE FROM BOUTROS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO DEPARTMENT.

4. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.

5. FOR NICOSIA: CAN YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER WILSON MADE CONTACT WITH PALESTINIANS IN CYPRUS?

6. FOR TEL AVIV: WHAT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION DID WILSON USE UPON LEAVING KIBBUTZ ELIAN? DID HE HAVE NAMES OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS HE PLANNED TO MADE WHILE IN CYPRUS?  
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